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SUBJ: COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS: WORLD FOOD

FROM US DEL CCP

REF: ROME 14388

1. /SUMMARY/. AS REPORTED PARA 3 REFTEL ISSUE OF PRESERVING  
TEXT OF DRAFT UNDERTAKING WITHOUT CHANGE NEARING FIRST TEST.  
LDCS INDICATE WILLINGNESS TO SHIFT PROPOSALS FROM TEXT TO  
BODY OF CCP REPORT, BUT PRICE OF AGREEMENT MAY BE TOO HIGH.  
/END SUMMARY/.

2. SITUATION AS OF LATE EVENING OCTOBER 18 WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
FOUR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TABLED BY EGYPT, YUGOSLAVIA AND  
PAKISTAN, DEALING VARIOUSLY WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND  
INTERNATIONALLY MANAGED STOCKS, GENERALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO  
THE US AND SEVERAL OTHER DELS. ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE WHICH  
WOULD GO INTO BODY OF REPORT HAS BEEN DRAFTED BY SECRETARIAT  
AND CIRCULATED IN DRAFTING GROUP. KEY PASSAGE IS A  
RECOMMENDATION THAT THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE PROPOSED  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS IN SECTION VI OF THE UNDER-  
TAKING BE INTERPRETED BROADLY SO THAT EXAMINATION OF  
MEASURES TO COPE WITH ANY DIFFICULTY QUOTE IN ASSURING ADEQUATE  
CEREAL SUPPLIES FOR MINIMUM WORLD FOOD SECURITY UNQUOTE UNDER  
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PARA 16(C) OF UNDERTAKING SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD TO INCLUDE

REVIEW OF PROGRESS IN PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LDCS FOR MEETING CEREAL REQUIREMENTS, STOCK BUILD-UP AND MAINTENANCE, AND DEVELOPMENT OF STORAGE FACILITIES.

3. IN DRAFTING GROUP, LDCS UNDER EGYPTIAN LEADERSHIP STATED THEY WERE WILLING TO DROP AMENDMENTS IF SECRETARIAT DRAFT ACCEPTED INTACT. NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER THIS MEANS KEY PARAGRAPH ONLY, WHICH IS TOLERABLE, OR RELATED PARAS WHICH IN PLACES CONTAIN OBJECTIONABLE BIAS. TRANSLATION AND REPRODUCTION DELAYS PREVENTED ANY DISCUSSION, DURING OCTOBER 18 SESSION.

4. CONSIDERATION WORLD FOOD SECURITY SECTION OF DRAFT REPORT SCHEDULED MONDAY NIGHT BUT MAY BE FURTHER DELAYED. THIS SECTION CONTAINS 26 PARAS AND TURBULENT SENTENCE-BY-SENTENCE BATTLE SEEMS LIKELY. OBJECTIVE OF US DEL IS SUBSTITUTION OF KEY SECRETARIAT PARA IN PLACE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND AVOIDANCE IN REST OF SECTION OF GENUINELY UNACCEPTABLE PASSAGES, AS DISTINGUISHED FROM SLANTED DESCRIPTIONS, WHICH, WHILE UNDESIRABLE, LACK OPERATIVE SIGNIFICANCE. IF COMPROMISE IS NOT POSSIBLE, AND LDCS THEN INSIST ON AMENDMENTS TO TEXT ITSELF, US WILL COUNTER WITH AMENDMENTS TO PARAS 2 AND 4 OF UNDERTAKING AS PER ORIGINAL POSITION PAPER AND WILL SEEK SUPPORT FROM LIKEMINDED DELS FOR A DISAGREED REPORT.

5. FRASER WHO RETURNED OCTOBER 19 HAS COPY OF SECRETARIAT DRAFT. VOLPE

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